PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

Roger A. WHATMORE et al.

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K. Wells

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SUMMARY OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A personal interview was conducted by Applicants' representative with Examiner K. Wells on January 9, 2004.

Applicants' representative presented arguments distinguishing the subject matter of the claims over the applied reference, U.S. Patent No. 4,818,959 to Katoh.

Examiner Wells agreed to reconsider the rejection of claims based on Katoh stating that he would not make a final decision until reviewing Applicants' formal Amendment filed on January 7, 2004.

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